



FAQ for FIFO Workers and Travel Restrictions

The Australian government has imposed travel restrictions on airfreight and passenger flights in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. State and Territory governments have also put in place restrictions on cross-border travel.

Exemptions are in place for different types of citizens and workers, and there are variations in the exemption categories and processes for seeking an exemption.

Contact the AWU – we are here to help you.

If you are impacted by state restrictions on movement of people due to the nature of your work or you have questions or concerns about your current employment status, contact us now so that we can assist. During the COVID-19 crisis the AWU has been successful in securing positive outcomes for FIFO members working in mining, construction and oil & gas. We are protecting wages, conditions and jobs every day.

There may be arrangements we can help facilitate with your employer.

If you aren't already a member of the AWU, there has never been a more important time to be a member of your union.

South Australia

Only certain FIFO workers will be allowed to enter SA without having to self-quarantine.

All people arriving in South Australia from outside the state will be required to self-quarantine for a period of 14 days from the date of their arrival in South Australia.

As of 12:01am Sunday, 29 March 2020, FIFO workers travelling from interstate to South Australia can do so under an exemption which allows for 'essential travellers'. As a resources sector worker, this means:

- You are essential to operations
- You undertake time-critical work
- You work on-site, and
- You cannot be temporarily replaced with workers sourced from within South Australia.

Employers are encouraged to provide transiting employees an authorization letter stating their name, working dates, transit path and work location to show to border control staff as required.

[More details can be found here.](#)

